1124
COCHIN LEGIS

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Kumbham Session of 1103.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

Friday, *the* *19th of Kumbham 1103.*
2nd of March 1928.

The Council met for the last day of the Legislative Session of Kumbham 1103, in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, on Friday, the 19th of Kumbham 1103 (2nd of March 1928), when M.R.Ry. T. S. Narayana Ayyar Avl., M.A., B. L., the Diwan of Cochin and *ex-officio* President of the Council, presided. Messrs. C. Achyuta Menon, V. K. Aravindaksha Menon, Lonappan Chakkola, Poulo Mampilli, Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai and Messrs. K. T. Mathew and K. S. Rama Ayyar, K. Sankaran Nambudiri and A. K. Thoma were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Appointments in the Education Department.

188. Mr. George Chakkyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the following:—

(a) the number of appointments in the superior service of the Education Department of the State;

(b) a caste-war list of the persons who hold these appointments?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) and (b). The Member is referred to *the Civil List.*

Mr. George Chakkyamuri.—On a point of information. I had sent a series of questions on the working of the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam. They have not been answered. All those questions refer to one and the same matter. Only if all of them are answered, I would be able to put supplementary questions. I do not know why this particular question alone was selected to be answered here.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—This question was not particularly selected to be answered. All the questions were received in the office in a lot, and that series of questions was sent to the Head of the Department for supplying the answers. The answer to this question only was received in the office, and so that alone is put in the question paper. We have to get the answers from the Heads of Departments. Then only we can answer them here.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Mr. K. Raman Menon.—I had sent some questions, and I find now they are not answered.

President.—You mean to say they do not appear here ?

Mr. K. Raman Menon.—Yes.

President.—What is it that you want me to do for their non-appearance?

Mr. K. Raman Menon.—I simply bring it to your notice.

President.—I ask you what you want me to do. Bringing a fact to my notice means you expect me to do something.

Mr. K. Raman Menon.—I simply bring it to your notice that my questions do not appear, and so they may perhaps lapse.

President.—We have to get the answers from the respective Heads of Departments. Government cannot take any action to get your questions answered under the pretext that the session will be over, and automatically your questions would lapse. The only recourse is the questions will have to be repeated.

Mr. K. Raman Menon.—I will repeat my questions.

President.—We cannot take any action unless there is urgency in the matter, and unless you have given special notice that these questions are of an urgent nature, and must be answered in this session itself. Are your questions of an urgent nature?

Mr. K. Raman Menon.—My questions relate to urgent matters. I do not say they are not urgent.

President.—What was the delay due to in answering them? Is it the delay in getting the information from the Heads of Departments?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

President.—Generally the Secretariat never delays papers. The thing is they have to get the information from the Heads of Departments.

Mr. George Chakkyamuri.— I ask why the series of questions sent by me together were not answered. They are all connected questions. Further they do not require any great search or enquiry.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—All these questions were sent to the Director of Public Instruction.. Answers to these questions alone were received. Therefore these alone are answered.

Mr. George Chakkyamuri.—These were sent a month ago to the Secretary.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—If I remember right, I received the series of questions only 8 or 9 days ago.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

President.— You say that you sent your questions month ago. But the Secretary to the Diwan says that he received them only 8 or 9 days ago.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I too have to bring to your notice one thing. I sent a series of connected questions (Education). The Secretary to the Council wanted me to split them into a number of questions. I sent those questions as one question in the hope that they will be answered in whole. When the Secretary wanted me to split my question, I wrote to him that I was agreeable to his request; but I requested that all my questions which was one in the beginning may be answered together, so that I may put supplementary questions. The questions were all answered, but unfortunately not in one day nor in one continuous block, so that I could not put some supplementary questions. Those questions refer to one matter, and only if all of them were answered in one lot, I would have put more efficient supplementary questions.

Mr. George Chakkyamuri.— I sent in the questions most positively a month before the Council sitting. I think one month's time is sufficient to collect the information on these questions. I am surprised to hear that the Secretary to the Diwan received them only 8 or 9 days before the sitting..

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—What I said was 'if I remember right, I received them only 8 or 9 days ago'.

Mr. George Chakkyamuri.—I cannot find any reason why they picked these two unoffensive questions out of the series of my questions to be answered.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I can only say that there is no motive for with-holding the answers of the other questions. I can even honestly assert to that effect. That is all what I have to say.

President.—From the way in which the questions are answered, that is, out of a series of questions sent up by them in a block, some alone are taken up to be answered, I think they are justified in making an inference that there was a purpose in with-holding the answers.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I honestly say there was no motive underlying in with-holding the answers. As soon as the questions are received, they are sent to the various Heads of Departments for supplying the information. Those questions on which information are supplied are placed on the table.

President.—What they say is this:—If the answers of all the questions go together, they will present a proper case, and then only they will have a case for putting the supplementary questions. What we are to understand from such series of questions is that there has been something objectionable about

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

certain things. If they are taken separately, they will not present a complete case, and they will look apparently all right. When the other questions are answered on a future occasion, they cannot know what is aimed at by the interpellator. So in future try as far as possible to give answers to questions on one single matter *en bloc*.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We shall do it hereafter.

Mr. George Chakkyamuri.—That list was called for to elucidate certain subsequent appointments. The question on caste-war is only answered. There is absolutely no purpose served by that. And anybody going through the proceedings will think me a fool or an idiot for putting such simple questions.

President.—I think nobody will take it in that light.

Mr. George Chakkyamuri.—There is absolutely no use in asking for a caste-war statement. I have *the Civil List* with me, and I can go through it. I need not ask a question in the Legislative Council for that purpose.

President.—What I can say is I trust to the good sense of the Heads of Departments to furnish all information as early as possible. I think there cannot be any sinister motive on their part in submitting information on some questions alone.

Mr. Vengu Ayyar, you take note of these things. In future you should give no ground for such complaints.

Physics Laboratory of the Maharaja's College.

189. Mr. George Chakkyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(a) whether any complaint has been received regarding abuses and extravagances in the Physics Laboratory of the College;

(b) whether any inquiry has been instituted ; and if so, in what connection and with what result ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

Mr. George Chakkyamuri.—There is no use of asking supplementary questions.

Promotion to certain Assistant Professors in the Maharaja's College.

190. Mr. George Chakkyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have given any encouragement to Messrs. T. C. Sankara Menon, M. A. (Hon.) (Cantab) and Dr. Kallukkaran, M. A., Phd. (London) since their appointment as Assistant Professors, while some others appointed along with them have been given promotions to higher grade ?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly